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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and remarks made herewith, which are believed to place the application into condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 12, 18-24, 30-33, 36-37, and 42-54 are currently pending in this application. By this paper, Claims 30, 32, 36, 42-54 have been cancelled, and Claims 9, 12, 20, and 23 are currently amended, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without creating any estoppel as to equivalents. Applicants hereby reserve the right to reclaim cancelled or withdrawn subject matter in divisional applications. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Support for the amended recitations can be found throughout the specification.

It is submitted that these claims are patentably distinct from the prior art, and that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. The amendments presented herein are not made for purposes of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§§§101, 102, 103, or 112. Rather, these amendments are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Examiner Aulakh is thanked for courtesies extended during the telephone communication of July 29, 2005, in which the Examiner provided suggested claim amendments to place the application into condition for allowance. The amendments and remarks presented herein are therefore believed to overcome all of the rejections and objections of the present application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections, therefore, are warranted and respectfully requested.

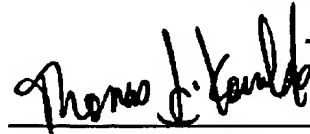
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of the claims is earnestly solicited. If however, there is still an outstanding issue; the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned for its prompt attention.

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